

Truckers Convoy and Protective Services

Key Messages for DMOC – February 3, 2022 2:30 PM

- The number of protestors downtown continues to remain low, compared to what we saw this weekend. As of 1:00 PM, there were about 80 people on Parliament Hill, with another 200-200 on Wellington Street. There were also about 30 people in Confederation Park and 1 person at the War Memorial.
- Based on open source reporting, we are expecting those numbers to jump back up this coming weekend, with several convoys appearing to be pulling together to arrive in Ottawa on Saturday February 5th. The exact number of convoys and people is still to be determined, but we do know that there are at least 2 convoys coming from the East and 1 from Kingston.
- There have been references to farm equipment being part of the incoming convoys, and I can advise that there is no bar on these types of vehicles coming into the city – in fact, in the past, there have been convoy demonstrations in the downtown core involving farm equipment.
- As I mentioned yesterday, we are seeing counter-protests starting to take place, and the City of Ottawa has already received applications for 3 counter-protests planned for Saturday. There are also 2 taking place today in front of the Ottawa Police Station.
- So far, I understand that Ottawa Police have made a number of arrests, have at least 13 investigations underway, and they have been issuing a number of tickets. Enforcement is being stepped up.
- From a protective perspective, the return to Parliament continues to go smoothly, with no incidents to note.

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- Ingress and egress to and from the Supreme Court will also be provided to eight of our Justices. Set-up and resources are already in place to accommodate.
- Although there has been some indication by protestors of their intention to drive to Harrington Lake, we have no further information on any trucks or vehicles heading to Chelsea.
- I know there have been questions about parking around Wellington and the PMO. In normal times, vehicles are only permitted to stop in order to comply with traffic signals or other activity under the bylaw.
- There is no federal statute that prevents vehicles in this area, and enforcement is through municipal bylaws. The street is not part of the Parliamentary Precinct, nor is the Office of the Prime Minister building.
- If the Prime Minister plans to attend the office, an assessment will be made and work will be done with the partners to mitigate any identified risk. If the risk cannot be mitigated, the RCMP would inform the Prime Minister.
- I understand the frustration of Ottawa residents, City Council, and the Ottawa Police as this situation continues on. I spoke with Chief Sloly earlier this afternoon, and his team continues to look at every possible option to bring this to an end.
- I'll be honest, this may not be something that can be negotiated out of, or resolved only with enforcement. There may need to be some other solutions, maybe the engagement of an interlocutor.
- With respect to the situation at the Coutts, Alberta POE, yesterday there was good news when protestors agreed to open one lane in each direction.
- The main site continues to remain stable and peaceful.

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- However, congestion is growing at an RCMP checkpoint that was set up 18 km north of the main site (Checkpoint 10) on highway 4 for safety and security reasons.
- There is no indication that this group at Checkpoint 10 is connected in any way to the protest group at the Coutts Border main site, aside from being sympathizers.
- Communication with the organizers at both the main site and Checkpoint 10 will continue with the intention of trying to stabilize Checkpoint 10 and resume regular escorts for traffic local to Coutts and legitimate border passage.
- For now, our plan is to stabilize the checkpoint and manage traffic flow through there. Efforts are ongoing to engage with the protestors with a view to resolving the situation.

Current Statistics – Latest Data (estimates) – 1:09 PM
• Approximately 60-80 demonstrators are reported to be on Parliament Hill at this time. • Approximately 200-300 demonstrators on Wellington St. • Confederation Park has approximately 30 demonstrators. • There is 1 person at the War Memorial.

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